

(d) whether the Government had appointed a Committee to study the problems of the factory for revamping it;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the concrete steps being taken by the Government to save the Ramagundam Fertilizer plant from closure?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The coal based fertilizer unit at Ramagundam is owned by the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI), which was declared a sick company by the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in November, 1992. The BIFR has not made any recommendations for the closure of FCI, Ramagundam.

(c) During the period from 1.4.87 to 31.3.97, FCI, Ramagundam incurred a net loss of Rs. 699.37 crore due to low capacity utilisation on account of equipment problems and infrastructural constraints.

(d) to (f) The options for the revamp of the Ramagundam unit of FCI were examined in the course of a recent technical study commissioned by the Expert Group appointed to reformulate the revival package of FCI from the stand point of the Financial institutions. The study has estimated that the revamp of the Ramagundam unit, which would entail changeover of the feedstock from coal to naphtha, would require a fresh investment of Rs. 953 crore, apart from various financial reliefs and concessions. The scope of the revamp of the functional units of FCI is to be determined on considerations of viability and tie up of the funding arrangements.

Renaming of Railway Station

3126. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 2123 of 30.7.96 and state:

(a) whether the proposal for renaming of Railway Stations was received from West Bengal was not in conformity with the existing guidelines on the subject; and

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines laid down in 1953 contain various broad principles which are required to be kept in view by the State Government while examining the question of changing the names of villages, towns, cities etc. The guidelines, *inter alia*, mention that unless there is some very special reason, it is not desirable to change a name

which people have got used to; that a change should not be made on grounds of local patriotism or for linguistic reasons or for merely satisfying local sentiments. These guidelines are also applicable to the change in the names of Railway Stations.

Smuggling by Policemen

3127. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Customs questions two policemen for smuggling forex" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated July 19, 1997;

(b) whether the customs authorities at the Indira Gandhi International Airport are questioning two policemen for their possible involvement in the smuggling of foreign exchange worth Rs. 28 lakhs and have sent a report to the concerned police authorities;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the police in the matter; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to ensure that henceforth no policemen enter terminal building without being on duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The customs authorities had questioned three Delhi Police personnel in connection with the incident and one of them was later arrested under section 104 of the Customs Act, 1962. The police official concerned has since been placed under suspension and a preliminary enquiry has also been ordered against the other two police officials.

(d) The Police personnel on access control duty have been briefed to allow entry only to those who are on duty. In other cases, entry is permitted only after obtaining permission from the senior officers and making appropriate entry in a register specially kept for the purpose.

Freedom Struggle

3128. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Kerala has made any representation to declare any other struggles in Kerala as freedom struggle;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Kerala has sent a proposal for recognition of the following six movements for grant of pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980:

- (1) Punnappra—Vayalar Movement
- (2) Kayyur Movement
- (3) Karivelloor Movement
- (4) Kavumbai Movement
- (5) Morazha Movement
- (6) Malabar Special Police Strike (SMP Strike).

(c) The matter is under consideration of the Central Government.

Drug Addict Drivers

3129. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of drivers of trucks, buses and three wheelers in the cities have been found to be drug addicts;

(b) whether it has also been the main reason for the high rate of accidents in the Capital;

(c) if so, whether the Government have made any plan to issue directions to the States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) it is a fact that a large number of drivers of trucks, buses and three wheelers in the big cities and the Capital are found to be drug addicts and the drug addiction by the drivers is one of the reasons for the accidents.

(c) and (d) Government of India is making its earnest effort to control the supply of drugs as well as to reduce the demand for drugs. NDPS Act, 1985, is enforced to deal with cases of peddling, pushing and trafficking in drugs. Towards demand reduction, a scheme to provide financial assistance to the non-governmental organisations is being implemented. Under this scheme, financial assistance is given for setting up of de-addiction, counselling and after care centres throughout the country to provide detoxification, treatment and rehabilitation

services to those addicted including the drivers. Awareness generation programmes among the masses about the hazards of drug abuse are also being undertaken. Various media are used for the purpose.

[Translation]

Registration of Cases by Delhi Police

3130. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to stated:

(a) the number of cases registered by the Delhi Police under Section 498-A/307/34 of IPC in 1997 till date;

(b) the details of the said cases converted from Section 307 to Section 302 of IPC;

(c) whether appropriate action is not being taken against the criminals involved in such cases;

(d) the details of the complaints/requests received in this regard;

(e) whether the incidents of intimidation/threatening, assault, filing of false complaints and harassment of parents other relatives of witness and the deceased by the criminals to withdraw their cases/statements have come to the notice of the Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (f) Delhi Police have registered during the current year (upto 31.7.1997) 27 cases under sections 498-A/307/34 of IPC and in 6 of these cases section 307 was later changed to section 302 after the victims succumbed to their injuries. Delhi Police have further reported that in all such cases appropriate action as per law has been taken against the accused persons and no complaint in this regard was received by them nor any instance of intimidation etc. by the accused was brought to their notice.

[English]

Grinding of Wheat

3131. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat allocated by FCI to Super Bazar, Kendriya Bhandar and such other institutions between June, 1996 to April 1997 for converting into atta and selling the same @ Rs. 64 per bag of 10 kg.;

(b) the quantity of atta sold by the said institution @ Rs. 64 per bag of 10 kg. in the said period, month-wise;